



## RCSS Hurricane Helene Disaster Resources for Parents

**If you have been displaced due to Hurricane Helene, please use this QR code to let the RCSS Student Services team know that you need assistance. A school district representative will be in contact with you.**



If you are a family who is now displaced from their home due to Hurricane Helene you may now qualify as a McKinney Vento Student (homeless). McKinney Vento Students have the following rights:

- a. The right to **immediate enrollment**—even without the required documents. All students should be enrolled in school the day they register.
- b. The right to **remain at their school of origin**—regardless of your nighttime residence. Students should not be forced to transfer to another school—unless the parent determines it is in the best interest of the student.
- c. The right to **request transportation to their school of origin** if that is what is in the best interest of the student. This transportation could take up to 10-14 days to set up.
- d. The right to **comparable services** (transportation, meals, and special education services) as all other students
- e. The right to **academic support** if needed
- f. The right to the **same school environment** as all other students.



## Food and Water and Supplies

- Augusta Fire Department—serving free meals at Center of Hope—1384 Greene Street @5:30 pm
- Warren Church—3202 Washington Road—food, ice, water, and other supplies at 10 am
- Resource Pantry at the Hub—631 Chafee Ave from 10 am- 4 pm
- Greater Augusta Interfaith Coalition –food and supplies 12 pm – 4 pm at 1439 Walton Way until October 15,2024
- Trinity on the Hill—1330 Monte Sano Ave from October 7, 2024 – October 11, 2024 11 am – 2 pm food, formula, wipes, baby food, diapers, pull-ups, cleaning supplies.
- The Family YMCA of Greater Augusta is offering grab-and-go breakfast and lunch to kids at:
  - Dorothy Hains Elementary, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
  - Augusta South Family YMCA, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
  - Burke County Family YMCA, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
  - Thomson Family YMCA, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
  - Wilson Family YMCA, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
  - Monte Sano Elementary, 3-6 p.m.
  - Aiken County Family YMCA, 3-7 p.m.
  - North Augusta Family YMCA, 3-7 p.m.

## Laundry Sites

- Augusta Rescue Mission—Fresh Start Laundry—free laundry services—Monday – Friday 9 am, 11 am, 1pm, and 3 pm. Sign up at <https://augustarescuemission.org/fresh-start-laundry>
- Journey Community Church continues to offer laundry services. Anyone needing laundry done can email [candiceayers@journeycommunity.net](mailto:candiceayers@journeycommunity.net).
- The Salvation Army of Augusta is back at The Hub on Friday, October 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to provide free laundry services.

## Shelter Sites

- Henry Brigham Community Center 2463 Golden Camp Road, Augusta, GA
- Center of Hope—1384 Green Street, Augusta, GA

## Strike Teams

- Firefighters are bringing help to Augusta residents who need it. To get help, call 311.



## Showers/Charging Stations/Wi-Fi

- Augusta South, Burke, Wilson, and Thomson YMCA's open to the public with access to showers, charging stations, water and wi-fi.

## Counseling/Student Support

- All Schools have School Counselors that can assist with students who are having difficulty dealing with the trauma and aftermath of Hurricane Helene.
- Mental Health Counselors, School Psychologists, School Social Workers will all be available at the schools beginning on October 16, 2024 to help address those students who need more support.

## Other Disaster Resources

- **American Red Cross**
  - Augusta Chapter—1322 Ellis Street, Augusta, GA – 1-800-RED-CROSS
  - Structural Damage – call 1-800-733-2767
- **Crisis Clean Up Program** – 1-844-965-1386
  - Provides clean up help – tarps for roofs, cleaning up trees, & muck and gut (cut down damaged dry wall and pulls up damaged flooring)
- **FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)** – call 1-800-621-3362
  - If claims are denied – individuals are able to appeal the denials
  - Visit [www.resources.redcross.org](http://www.resources.redcross.org)
    - click Care – Physical Safety – Disaster Response – Disaster Legal Services
- **Free legal services to assist with appeals** - [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov)
  - Can assist with applying for FEMA Disaster Assistance and guide individuals/families to other resources to help with recovery – English and Spanish
- **211 – United Way** – dial 2-1-1
  - Enter zip code for Resources
- **Disaster Distress Hotline** – call or text 1-800-985-5990
  - Provides year-round disaster crisis counseling
  - 24/7 support to all residents in the U.S. and its territories
  - Toll-free
  - Multilingual